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Letter dated 19 September 2000 from the Chairman of the Fifth Committee to the Chairperson of the Third Committee

I am writing with reference to the memorandum dated 31 August 2000 from the Secretary of the Fifth Committee to the Secretary of your Committee drawing attention to the recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination regarding the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005. A copy of that memorandum is attached for ease of reference.

In this connection, it is my sincere hope that your Committee will be able to consider the relevant chapters of the medium-term plan in time to allow the Fifth Committee to take into account the views of Member States on this matter.

I should like to take this opportunity to wish you every success during the session.

(*Signed*) Gert **Rosenthal**
Chairman, Fifth Committee

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Annex

Memorandum dated 31 August 2000 from the Secretary of the Fifth Committee to the Secretary of the Third Committee

I am writing to bring to your attention the following recommendations made by the Committee for Programme and Coordination during its thirty-ninth session, which were endorsed by the General Assembly in paragraph 2 of its resolution 54/236 of 23 December 1999, entitled "Programme planning".

> "The Committee recommended that the specialized intergovernmental bodies, as well as the Economic and Social Council and the Main Committees of the General Assembly, should include, in their programme of work, an agenda item on programme planning for the review of the proposed medium-term plan and its revisions. The Committee also recommended that the Fifth Committee receive all relevant comments prior to its consideration of the proposed medium-term plan and its revisions" (A/54/16, part I, para. 55).

At its recently held fortieth session, the Committee for Programme and Coordination reiterated that recommendation, as follows:

> "The Committee reiterated its recommendations that the relevant intergovernmental bodies, as well as the Economic and Social Council and the Main Committees of the General Assembly, should include in their programme of work an agenda item on programme planning for the review of the proposed medium-term plan and its revisions" (A/55/16, part II, para. 88).

The reports of the Committee for Programme and Coordination are contained in documents A/55/16 (part I) and Corr.1 and 2 and A/55/16 (part II). The proposed medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 is contained in document A/55/6 (Programmes 1-25). A list of the programmes is attached hereto for your convenience.

In this connection, I should be grateful if you could convey this matter to the members of the Bureau of your Committee, with a view to transmitting to the Fifth Committee by **25 October 2000** the results of the deliberations of your Committee on the review of the relevant programmes of the proposed medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005.

For your information, the Fifth Committee is expected to begin its consideration of the item on programme planning on Tuesday, 31 October.

Proposed medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 (A/55/6, introduction and programmes 1-25)

Introduction	
Programme 1.	Political affairs
Programme 2.	Disarmament
Programme 3.	Peacekeeping operations
Programme 4.	Peaceful uses of outer space
Programme 5.	Legal affairs
Programme 6.	General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference services
Programme 7.	Economic and social affairs
Programme 8.	Africa: New Agenda for Development
Programme 9.	Trade and development
Programme 10.	Environment
Programme 11.	Human settlements
Programme 12.	Crime prevention and criminal justice
Programme 13.	International drug control
Programme 14.	Economic and social development in Africa
Programme 15.	Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific
Programme 16.	Economic development in Europe
Programme 17.	Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean
Programme 18.	Economic and social development in Western Asia
Programme 19.	Human rights
Programme 20.	Humanitarian assistance
Programme 21.	Protection of and assistance to refugees
Programme 22.	Palestine refugees
Programme 23.	Public information
Programme 24.	Management and central support services
Programme 25.	Internal oversight